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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION APPLICATION**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)**

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This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) of prior pending application number 09/690510 filed on 10/17/00 entitled Voice-Producing Prosthesis by the following inventors:

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1. ☒ Enclosed is a copy of the prior patent application containing 11 pages of specification, 3 pages of claims and 4 sheet(s) of Formal Drawings, 1 page(s) of abstract. Also enclosed are copies of the Declaration and any amendments referred to in the oath or declaration filed to complete the prior application. (It is noted that no amendments referred to in the oath or declaration filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter therein.)
   
☐ The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
2. ☐ Cancel original claims of this application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
3. ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
4. ☒ Please amend the specification by inserting the following paragraph after the title:

This application is a continuation of application serial number 09/690510, filed October 17, 2000. The application is incorporated herein by reference.

5. ☐ Small entity status
  - a. ☐ A small entity statement is enclosed.
  - b. ☐ A small entity statement was filed in the prior non provisional application.
  - c. ☐ is no longer claimed.

The filing fee is calculated below

CLAIMS				
	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	Fee
Total Claims	15	0	X \$18.00	\$ 0
Indep. Claims	7	4	X \$84.00	\$ 336.00
Multiply Dependent Claims				\$ 0
Basic Fee				\$ 750.00
TOTAL				\$1086.00

6. ☒ Payment of fees
    - ☒ A check in the amount of \$1086.00 is enclosed.
    - ☐ Please charge Deposit Account Number 50-1038.
    - ☐ Is deferred
  7. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16-1.18 to Deposit Account Number 50-1038.
  8. ☐ The priority of                      application number                      , filed                      , is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
  - ☒ A certified copy has been filed in prior application number 09/690510, filed 10/17/2000.
  9. ☐ The prior application is assigned of record to                      recorded at reel                      and frame                      .
  10. ☐ This application is filed by fewer than all the inventor named in the prior application. Please delete the following inventors named in the prior nonprovisional application.
  11. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement, and copies of acknowledged 1449 and 892 forms from prior application are enclosed.
  12. ☒ New Correspondence Address
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13. ☒ Address all correspondence to Michael B. Lasky.
  14. ☒ A petition to extend the term in the prior application from 5/4/03 to 8/4/03 is enclosed. A check in the amount of \$930.00 for the above reference extension is enclosed.
  15. ☐ Also enclosed:

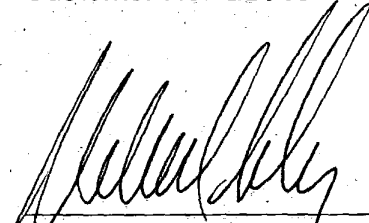
16. ☒ A return postcard is enclosed.

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